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'SO I WON A TRUCK!'

Town Manager Gerald Bouchard was able to grin, Tuesday, while he recounted the results of the 1964 Annual Town Meeting, but his voice was rueful, and it was with a doleful shake of his head that he regarded his victories.

'So the Finance Committee wanted to give me one 25,000 GVW truck, and I got two! I won a truck!'

That was his only victory, in what was (from a Town Manager's viewpoint) the most disastrous Town Meeting ever held in Wilmington.

While there was no increase in taxes as a result of the meeting, there may soon be, for a special town meeting is contemplated, at which the voters will be asked to increase the pay schedules of all employees to a point equal to that won by the Wilmington Police and Fire Departments (15%) in the meeting.

There were several points that rankled Mr. Bouchard.

The fact that two former Town Managers of Wilmington stood up to vote for the Police and Fire increases was about foremost, but the crowing indignity was that the voters took away from him the control of \$2100, which was for Parks, and which department he had planned to directly control.

On a motion of Atty Roland Wood, the Park Department, taken from the Planning Board at their own request, was placed under the care of the Recreation Committee.

\$2100!

The Town Meeting saw the proposed Town Hall turned down, in the shape of a \$5000 appropriation for architect's plans, by a vote of 300 to 240.

It saw the town vote to have the old Building Code committee brought back to life, rather than to adopt

the National Code proposed by Mr Bouchard (and thus brought a plea from Selectman Charles Black for volunteers in the form of construction engineers, to sit on the committee.

The Town Meeting voted decisively to refuse any Chapter 90 money for the construction, alteration, or any other work on Lowell Street.

It did vote \$5000 for Ipswich River drainage, but Mr Bouchard does not rate that among his compliments from the Town Meeting.

No zoning was voted. Only one article was presented to the voters and that was turned down, with no difficulty.

The proposed Apartment House rezoning, the Skating Rink, and the proposals for industrial rezoning in North Wilmington were withdrawn by their sponsors, and may possibly be presented at a later time.

\$6000 SALARY FOR TWO COPS

Two members of the Wilmington Police Department, with less than 3 years service, will receive a salary of \$6000 this year, as a result of the Town Meeting. All others are to receive \$6300, except the Chief who will receive about \$7500

TOWN LEAGUE BASKETBALL BANQUET SATURDAY

The Royals, of the Wilmington Town League, are to occupy the place of honor, Saturday night, in a banquet in the North School for the players of the Wilmington Town League basketball players.

The dinner is to begin at 6 pm. Howard Lefavour of Concord Street is chairman of the Ticket Committee



RENE LA RIVEE CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In a meeting which was completed before nine pm Monday, Rene J La Rivee, now in his second year, was elected the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, in an unanimous vote.

The meeting was overcast by the vote of the Town Meeting, Saturday. The Selectmen and Town Manager were anxious to place the wage scale of other employees on one of the same proportion as the Police and Firemen, who won a 15% increase in the annual Town Meeting.

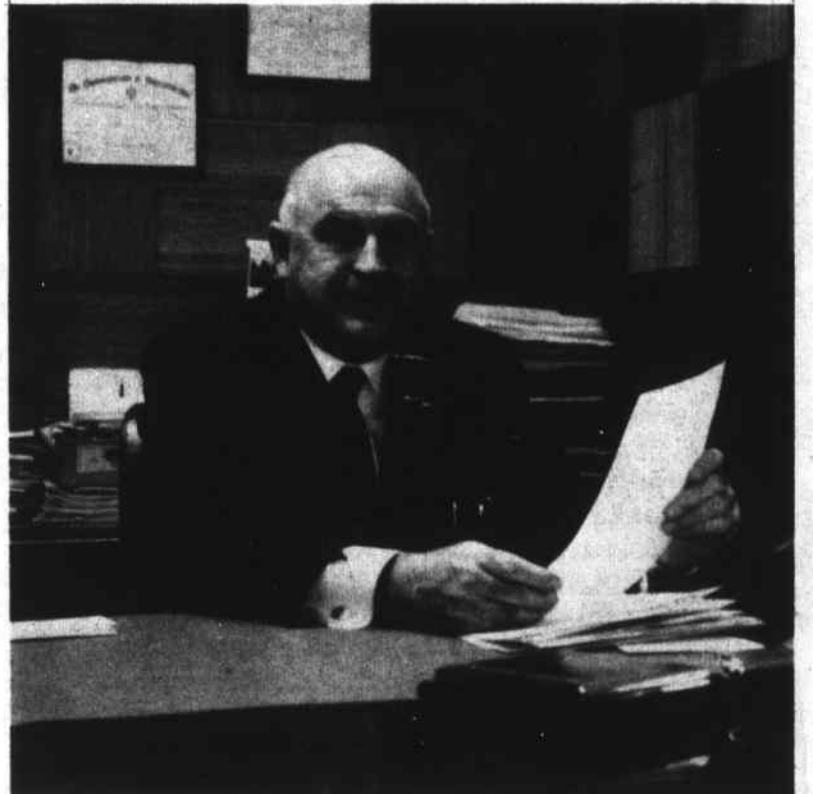
TM Bouchard told the Selectmen that if every employee had his wages raised by the same percentage the increase would cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, or about \$1.80 additional tax bill.

Selectman John Brooks moved for a Special Town Meeting, to be held as soon as possible, to implement this desire on the part of the Selectmen, and when Mr La Rivee made a questioning remark Brooks, testily said; 'There is no hidden meaning, no attempts to undo that which has been done. I made four attempts, Saturday, to straighten out things'

La Rivee spoke again, whereupon Brooks said 'I do not speak for other people - I speak only for myself, I want that made clear!'

To this, with a little smile on his face, Selectman Lloyd Bender stated 'I speak for everyone in Wilmington!'

The committee, earlier, had told Vice Chairman Jim Donohue of the Democratic Town Committee that it would make every effort to see that more time was allocated to the vote for the primary election, in April, compared with the time of four years ago.



THE PRESENTATION WILL BE APRIL 9TH: Fred Cain, founder of the automotive firm that bears his name, is to receive the Benjamin Franklin Quality Dealer Award, from the Saturday Evening Post, at the Colonial Country Club, on April 9, at 7 pm. Above, in his office, Fred looks over the letter notifying him of the good news.



THEY WERE DINNER GUESTS OF REP FRANK TANNER: Ladies of the Wilmington League of Women Voters, in the State House, Monday, attending the hearing on the curtailment of the powers of the State Executive Council.

L to R: Mrs Norbert Nader, Mrs Harry Johnson, and Mrs William Hooper.



THE AUDITORIUM WAS PACKED: Last Monday night, as the School Department presentation of Modern Mathematics, for Parents, was started, Miss Barbara Ann Cartin, (left) was the lecturer.

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THE WILMINGTON BILL OF RIGHTS

About the time of the end of the Revolution, Massachusetts, always the first state in the nation to be concerned with human rights, held a Constitutional Convention, the first in the new country.

In that session many of the delegates refused to approve of the new Constitution until a Bill of Rights had been adopted - a bill which turned out to be the forerunner of the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the United States of America.

Among those delegates was Capt. John Harnden of Wilmington, a militia officer who, among other things, had marched on Lexington Day.

If Capt Harnden were able to observe the Town Meeting of last Saturday he would have been able to understand what was going on, even if there were those present who could not.

For the 1964 Town Meeting was a Wilmington Bill of Rights.

Employees, for some years, had had no opportunity to be heard.

They would learn, in the annual Town Meeting, that a benign Personnel Advisory Committee had recommended a 'three percent increase in pay' or some such thing. They had no prior knowledge, nor had they an opportunity to take any part in the decision.

According to the Town Hall bulletin board, the Personnel Advisory Committee meets, ever since 1959, on Wednesday nights, in the Town Hall. Yet it has never met in the Town Hall on Wednesdays, nor, would it seem, on other nights.

Maybe the people who made up that committee meant well, but they were totally divorced from the realities of the situation.

Their position was that of the Autocrat of Labor, and their spokesman was the Selectman who is Wilmington's greatest orator, and who, more than any other person, has seen it convenient to stretch the truth in Town Meeting.

No wonder there was a Revolution! No wonder that Wilmington, in the annual Town Meeting of 1964, declared for itself a Wilmington Bill of Rights!

That Bill of Rights says that:

The employees of the Town of Wilmington wish to be led, not driven.

The people of Wilmington wish to participate, and not be patronized.

And they wish to be consulted, not insulted.

THE WAY TO DO IT

The annual Town Meeting was not the only rough session for Jerry Bouchard, in the past week. He met the Town Employees, in the Barrows Auditorium,

Monday afternoon, for one and three-quarters of an hour, and that session was equally tough, at least from Jerry's standpoint.

Probably it was meant kindly, but Jerry wasn't too happy when the employees invited him to join their organization. They further told him that they were willing to back him, if he wanted to try again for a town hall!

Whether it was that last offer, or the defeat in the Town Meeting is immaterial, for Jerry has now decided against any efforts to get a new Town Hall.

It is a decision to be regretted. Wilmington does need a new Town Hall, just as it needs a new library. With proper planning it can have both, and not in old church buildings.

The idea is to swim with the tide, not against it. Plans for a new Town Hall can be had, and plans too, for a new Library, without cost to the town in the event that the town decides against those plans.

It can be accomplished in the same manner as the town got its plans for the sewers of Wilmington, through the Community Facility Administration of the (US Government) Housing and Home Finance Agency. You repay the government as you use the plans, in whole or in part. If you only use a part you pay only for the part you use. If the plans are not used at all, you do not have to pay anything.

The town would vote for something like that, with no argument. It was noteworthy, in the Town Meeting, that the first questions asked, when Article 15 reached the floor, were not about a new Town Hall but about a new Library.

Wilmington, a few years ago, went along with a proposal to put the library into an old building. Then the selectmen in power turned around and started spending money foolishly on other projects, so that a second hand church, for a library today, is just as poor an idea as a second hand church for a town hall.

Have the plans prepared, without cost to the town, and present them in a town meeting with proposals for financing which, (for instance) might be cleared through Mrs Drew before being made public. The Town will buy them!

The Town Crier, at this time, has no particular money saving idea for the financing of a Town Hall, but it is needed, and perhaps someone can come up with a good idea.

There is a good way, now, for financing a new public library.

It can now be financed through Public Law 88-269, signed by President Johnson on February 11th \$526,000 is available to Massachusetts towns for the building of libraries, through this law. Senator Ted Kennedy made sure of this, and on the day after his brother was assassinated.

Instead of sitting back and moaning the town could very well get both a new town hall and a new library.

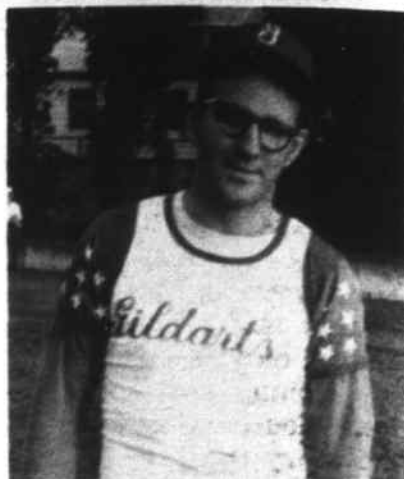
And, as far as the library is concerned, the town should be the first to jump! It is going to have to help pay for the money that is being appropriated!

AN OPEN LETTER TO JERRY

It was a rough meeting, Jerry. At least a part of it, if one wants to get technical, can be laid on your shoulders. It would seem that some of the advice given you in the past year has been found wanting.

But, don't become discouraged, and give up the ship!

The greater part of the conditions which caused



JIMMY TIGHE HAS CARLING BASEBALL FRANCHISE

Jimmy Tighe of Chestnut Street has been awarded the Reading franchise of the Carling Inter-city Baseball League for the 1964 season. Reading finished eighth in the ten team league last summer, one notch behind the Wilmington team, which was in its first year of competition.

Like Johnny Pesky of the Red Sox, Jimmy is out to improve his team's standing, this year. He is inviting any and all baseball players to the try-outs for his club, and states that all positions will be wide open.

Several of the softball players who played for Jimmy on the very successful Gildart Chevrolet Club of the last few years have indicated that they would like to switch to the hardball version of the game. Dave Newhouse, Dick Ethier, and several others have been playing basketball this winter, to keep their legs in condition.

Including 36 league games, as well as non-league contests, Jimmy expects a schedule of 60 games this summer. Interested persons can call Jim Tighe at 658-3931

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Weinberg's Store will be transferring its charge plan to the Arlington Trust Company at the end of this month. It has been using the Merrimac Valley Charge Service for the past five years, in a service that has been of mutual advantage to both the store and its customers. The Merrimac plan is being discontinued because of a change in that bank's services.

Weinbergs, in a public statement this week, has said it appreciates the confidence of its customers, and is certain that the same confidence can be placed in the Arlington Trust plan. New charge cards are available, for the new plan, at the store.

METHODIST CHOIR CANTATA SUNDAY EVENING

The Chancel Choir of the Wilmington Methodist Church, under the direction of the Rev. Joel Underwood, will present 'The Cross Triumphant', an Easter Season cantata by Ira Wilson, on Palm Sunday, March 22nd at 7:30 pm.

The program will be in the sanctuary of the church. Organ accompaniment will be by Mrs Wilbur Staveley. Nursery services are provided for infants and children, and the public is invited.

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the town to act as it did came from circumstances which were already in existence before you ever heard of Wilmington. The Whispering Sessions of the Board of Selectmen didn't start just because you came to town -- and remember how, on your first night, the Vigilant Dozen were crowding around the door?

Massachusetts is a great state, Jerry. Your training has been to work as an individual. In this state we work through committees, and when information is freely imparted, and the work is not done behind closed doors those committees are trusted.

Committees are a great thing. They can do a lot. You once worked in Philadelphia. Remember the story of the Continental Congress? It did all its work through committees!

Wilmington, something over half a dozen years ago, had 125 volunteer workers, serving on various committees. It was the great days of our town, days of progress and inspiration. In recent years those committees have been kicked around and abused by some people who think they know all the answers, and therein lies much of the trouble that you have inherited.

Don't give up the ship, Jerry! Look around you, gather new strength. Lead the people, and they'll follow. Don't try to lick the committees! Join them!

NOT TOO MUCH HASTE!

The Selectmen, next Monday, plan to issue a call for a special town meeting, so as to have a vote to implement all the salaries of the town employees by the 15% that police and fire salaries were raised.

Why next Monday? What's the need of pushing the Panic Button?

It would be far better to take a little time, and examine all the questions from all sides, before issuing the call. The vote can always be made so as to be retroactive, but a hasty decision can sometimes be an awful mistake.

N MIDDLESEX 4 H BEEF CLUB

The North Middlesex 4 H Beef Club, under leadership of William Merrill, will sponsor a food sale at the Elm Farm supermarket in Tewksbury Saturday at 10 am. A meeting is to be held afterwards at the Evans' home in N Wilmington

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Monday 7:30 pm Men's Christian Fellowship.
Tuesday 8 pm Monthly teachers and workers meeting at the church
Wednesday 7:30 pm Special Communion Service. 8:30 pm Choir rehearsal.

Friday 8 pm Diaconate meeting.
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TOWN MEETING PICTURES

NO INCREASE IN TAXES: So far, as a result of last Saturday's Town Meeting.

Only one zoning article was presented, and that was beaten easily, being the article to rezone in the vicinity of Kilmarnock Street.



LIKE A SCOUTING PARTY CROSSING THE LINES: Before a battle, William Agreeable Smith probed to find out what the increase was, for the Town Manager and the Principal Assessor, early in the meeting. He was one of the leaders in the fight for increased pay for firemen and police.



CHAPTER 90 FUNDS TIED UP: Dr John Marshall, making his motion to prevent the Selectmen from spending funds on the widening of Lowell Street.

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THE SELECTMEN VOTE: On the funds to the Permanent Building Committee. Illegal.



THE BIGGEST SURPRISE: Was the highly emotional speech of former TM Cecil Lancaster. He boosted police and firemen's pay.



JOE COURTNEY neatly pinked the Fincom, and any one else on whom he turned his rapier like wit. The ex Town Manager controlled the meeting any time he wanted to. Here he speaks in favor of a raise in pay for the police department.



CHARLIE BLACK PLEADS: With the voters to allow a recess until Monday, in order that the Selectmen may prepare figures for a raise in pay for other employees of the town. He didn't succeed.

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March 26, Maundy Thursday: Worship Service: 7:30 pm. Holy Communion. Choir Anthem. Ser-

mon: 'Conscience and Communion' March 27, Good Friday: Church will be open for prayer, 12 noon to 3 pm. Evening Worship service 7:30 pm. Sermon: 'Conscience and The Cross'.

March 29: Easter: Church School 9 and 11 am. Duplicate Worship Services 9 and 11 am. Special Choral Music. Sermon: A Clear Conscience.



LITTLE LEAGUERS ALL: Youngsters, signing up for the 1964 Little League season, in the Swain School, last Saturday. Francis Turner, 9 months old, in his daddy's arms, was told he would have to wait a little while.



ANNIVERSARY PARTY: At the home of son Robert Finley Morse of Burlington, this past week, was celebrated in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr and Mrs Robert Morse of 8 Pinewood Road. Well known names, at the party, included Mrs Gertrude Jenkins, Mr and Mrs Edward Reese, Mr and Mrs James Ramsey, Mr and Mrs Earl Burns, Mr and Mrs George O'Brien, Mr and Mrs Charles Duggan, Steve Walker, Daniel Morse, Miss Janet Duggan, and Harry Jenkins.

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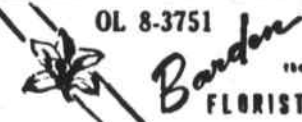
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 Butterscotch Pudding, Milk.
 Thursday: Juice, Grilled Frankfurters
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 Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Fig Squares, Milk.
 Friday: No School

Wildwood, Glen Road, Boutwell
 and North Schools

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 Whole Corn, Ice Cream, Milk.
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 Macaroni-Vegetables) Cucumber
 and Celery Sticks, Date Muffins
 and Butter, Cookies, Milk.
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 za with Meat Sauce, Buttered Rice,
 Green Beans, Fig Squares, Milk.
 Thursday: Italian Meat Ball Sand-
 wich on Submarine Rolls, Potato
 Chips, Buttered Peas, Fruit Jello
 with Topping, Milk.
 Friday: No School.

MIDNIGHT BEATLES
 Lakeside Barbershop 10 6
 Silver Lake Hardware 9 7
 Silver Lake Pharmacy 8 8
 Wilm. Radio & TV 4 12
 High Single- Kenny Wilson, 164.
 High Triple Jimmy Welch 446. High
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5 Aces	38	58
T Birds	38	58

Team Single & Triple
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 Ind Single & Triple
 P Page, 127 & 322

Top Ten Averages

	Str	Avg
C-Cote	66	93.61
G Gordon	72	93.16
R Ingalls	66	92.58
P Page	72	92.50
T Crowley	69	89.27
B Parsons	57	88.56
M Dias	63	88.27
R Boudreau	72	87.50
L Viera	72	85.67
E Sidelinker	66	85.59

N WILMINGTON MERCHANTS

Beauty Lounge	50	14
Pineridge Cleaners	48	16
Photon	38	26
Mytron II	38	26
Mytron I	32	32
N Wilm Pharm	26	38
Wilmington JCs	24	40
Polcaro Bros II	24	40
Ryan's Hardware	22	42
Polcaro Bros I	18	46

High Singles
 Rose Thompson 179, Joan Cook
 175, Sally Keegan 167
 Ted Bryant 232, Tino Blanco 222,
 Joe Cavalear 210
 High Triples
 Joan Cook 463, Rose Thompson
 457, Ann Baker 450
 Ted Bryant 602, Tino Blanco
 578, Joe Cavalear 556

NORTH END STRIKERS

Pineridge Cleaners	141
Wilson's Trckng Svce	100
Anderson's Bakery	98
D & D Gulf	89
Wilm. Construction	88
Sanitation Engrng	84

High Single
 Frank Daniels & Robert Foley,
 237, Dorothy Peters 204
 High Triple
 Robert Peters 626, Mary Lou

WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Top Ten Bowlers

Helen Witham	94.52
Carole Cote	94.46
Rita Ingalls	91.41
Joan Doucette	91.22
Peg Baker	90.28
Bertha Parsons	90.23
Peg Fuller	90.07
Marie Butler	90.01
Margaret Imblimbo	89.65
Mary Paulsen	89.64

Team Standings
 1 Underdogs; 2 Atomettes, 3
 Pace Setters; 4 Silver Lake Rex;
 5 Top Hats; 6 Lucky Five; 7 The
 Jets; 8 Comets.
 These standings are incomplete
 until a future roll-off by two teams.
 Sophis Giles joined our 100 Club
 last week and missed the 300 club
 by 3 pins. Mary Paulsen joined
 our 300 Club with a nice 303. Nice
 bowling, girls.

LETTERS
 March 17, 1964
 Dear Larz:
 A bouquet to the League of Women Voters of Wilmington!
 Many of us who attended the Annual Town Meeting last Saturday were delighted by the convenience and quality of the fine meal which the League made possible for us at such a reasonable cost.
 In previous years it was necessary to rush out frantically for dinner and return late for the evening session of the Town Meeting. Thanks to their foresight, we were able to remain on the premises, eat a leisurely meal and discuss the Warrant. And still there was plenty of time to find our seats before the evening session was called to order.
 It is encouraging to know that we have a group of gals in our community who are as practical as they are politically astute.
 Sincerely,
 (Rev.) Terry Clay Thomason
 Wilmington Methodist Church
 March 15, 1964
 Dear Capt. Larz:
 There are a number of comments I would like to make con-
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cerning last Saturday's Town Meeting.

First of all, there seems to be a definite lack of leadership on the part of the board of selectmen. We were asked to vote on many articles sponsored by them, which were not stated clearly in the warrant, and with no explanation forthcoming from the selectmen until until the voters forced their hand.

An example was the 25¢ per \$1000 of valuation out of taxes for sidewalks - this article was kicked all over the floor until Selectman Black explained that the article was sponsored at the request of the Town Counsel for legal purposes. This was a very good and logical explanation and we then voted favorably on the article. But why wasn't the article explained in this manner in the first place? We have a right to know the purpose of every article, since the selectmen answer to us.

Another example of the lack of leadership was the item authorizing \$50,000 for 'veterans assistance'. Thanks to Mr. Stickney of the finance committee we learned that this item had quadrupled in seven years - whereas comparable towns had only doubled at the most. The veteran's agent, Mr. Harper, stated that costs are rising. This was not an acceptable answer to me since costs have been rising in all towns, but why do they rise twice as fast in Wilmington?

Next we find out that the state

investigates all claims submitted by Mr. Harper and that we have to pay the costs whether we have voted the money or not. At this point we find out that Mr. Harper feels abused since he 'only receives a measly \$1300 a year and no one has proposed a salary increase for him'. I'll wager that most of the members of our town committees all work as hard and as long and are criticized as much as Mr. Harper - and none of them receive any financial remuneration at all. Perhaps the solution to this \$50,000 question is that we need a new veterans agent. In any event we deserve an explanation from the selectmen as to why this item skyrocketed. We heard nothing from them at the meeting.

Then the police and firemen salaries - the voters are being blamed for voting in favor of these articles and the resulting mess, but again the selectmen failed us - since they, knowing what could happen in this matter, neglected to stand before us and place the whole matter in proper perspective so we could vote intelligently on the issue.

Yes, we are to blame for the vote, but the selectmen are directly the underlying cause for our not knowing which way to vote, with all the accompanying pressure from the police and firemen which was exhibited at the meeting.

The item of \$5000 for a town hall study - this article could have passed, had it been sold properly. If Mr. Bouchard had explained that he had been working with an architect for several months now - and had preliminary layouts for all the offices, had determined the proper size for the building, with room for future growth of the town, and if he had shown the picture of the new Town Hall that has been posted around town recently, the voters would have realized that a great deal of study, thought, and planning had gone into this project and that the next logical step would be to have preliminary plans made and the site determined.

CHARLES TRAYNOR WAS FORMER WILMINGTONITE

Memorial services were held in the Congregational Church in Georgetown, on March 14th at 3 pm for Charles S Traynor of that town, formerly of North Street, Wilmington.

Mr. Traynor, 51 years old, died in a Haverhill hospital of cancer. He is survived by his wife Adelaide Pangborn Traynor, and five brothers, Edward of Medford, Harold of Pittsburg, Pa., Robert of Saunderson RI, Arthur of Baltimore Md and John of East Haddam, Conn.

SERVICES FOR THOMAS EDWARD GOOTEE Thomas Edward Gootee, of 48 Lowell Street, a former Avco employee, died suddenly at his home on March 12th. Mr. Gootee was also a resident of Chester New Hampshire.

He was a veteran of World War II. Services were held at the Wood lawn Cemetery Chapel Monday at 11 am with arrangements in charge of the Cavanaugh Funeral Home, 374 Main Street.

Instead of that Selectman Brooks spoke glowingly of the wind blowing through the walls of the present town hall and how one employee had caught pneumonia while working in the basement. He spoke down to the voters in a ridiculous manner, and the people felt that a town hall was being rammed down their throat, so the article was lost. Again, lack of leadership!

A final comment on the meeting itself - I thank the town council for the meeting where we spend millions of dollars, we can afford and we need the services of a legal counsel. Can you imagine a multi-million dollar corporation, which the town in a sense is, having an annual meeting with out legal counsel?

And this is not the first time it has happened. If the town council cannot come, there should be a substitute. There were many questions raised Saturday where we needed an opinion from the Town Counsel, thus the selectmen should see that we have a Town Counsel in the future.

Also I think all department heads should be required to attend the town meeting, and should sit down in front where they are readily available to answer questions. It is a good thing we don't have civil service, for if we did they could refuse to come and have no fear of being fired.

At these town meetings of ours there seems to be a very inadequate system of ensuring that only qualified voters are allowed to vote on the issues. The check-in system seems to be adequate but during the afternoon with many people going in and out for various reasons, there seems to be no systematic check to separate the non-

MYRTLE SHAW DIED YESTERDAY MORNING

Mrs. Edgar A. (Baxter) Shaw, 20 Thurston Avenue, was found dead in bed, yesterday morning, having passed away in her sleep.

A native of New Brunswick, 69 years old, she had been a resident of Wilmington for the past 60 years, living on Church Street, with her parents, Mr and Mrs William Baxter.

Mrs. Shaw, in former years, took an active part in the social life of the Wilmington Methodist Church, and she was for many years a Police Matron and a Police Woman, her original appointment having been made by the late Chief of Police Ainsworth. She was carried on the Police Department rolls until very recently.

Mrs. Shaw married Edgar A, the son of Selectman and Mrs Eugene Shaw of Wildwood Street, 48 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, and two sons, Ronald of Tewksbury and Robert E of Cambridge.

Funeral services are to be held from the McMahon Funeral Home, Saturday at 2 pm with the Rev. Terry Clay Thomason of the Methodist Church officiating. Burial is to be in the family lot in Wildwood Cemetery.

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voters. Since on many issues the vote is extremely close, I think the selectmen should exert a little leadership and improve this situation.

The only exhibition of anything approaching leadership Saturday was when Mr. Stickney of the finance committee and Mr. Courtney stood up at various times and explained the issues to the voters.

Next year Mrs. Drew and Mr. Brooks terms are up on the Board of Selectmen. So, if we want new leadership, let's get some new blood on that board and get Wilmington moving again!

(Name withheld by request)



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TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING 17-64

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall at 8 pm March 31, 1964 on the application of James F Collins, 27 Cambridge Rd Woburn to create two lots on Wing Road, neither having required frontage, and obtain a building permit for dwellings thereon.

Louis E. Gage, Chmn.
M12, 19 Board of Appeals

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING 18-64

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall at 8 pm March 31, 1964 on the application of Edith Cutter, 43 Church St. to equalize the frontages of two lots existing on Church St and obtain a building permit for a dwelling on one of them.

Louis E. Gage, Chmn.
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BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING 19-64

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall at 8 pm March 31, 1964 on the application of John E Connell to obtain a building permit on a lot owned by Joseph Babine, Parker St. not having required frontage nor area.

Louis E. Gage, Chmn.
M12, 19 Board of Appeals

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING 20-64

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall at 8 pm March 31, 1964 on the application of Daniel DePiano, 14 Sherman St. Everett to obtain a building permit on a lot on Central St. purchased in 1954, having required frontage and area at that time.

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The contest was conducted by the Home Economics Department of Wilmington High School.

In addition to her Homemaking activities, Miss Hartwell is an Honor Roll student, and is the Drum Majorette of the Wonderful High School Band.

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